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Instructions to Interconnection Customers for meeting Cluster 15 Commercial Readiness Deposit, Merchant Deposit, Study Deposit and Application Fee requirements.

Below is a list of contact emails for each of the PTOs that will be performing the interconnection request studies and who are responsible under the ISO Tariff Appendix KK for receiving, reviewing, approving and executing the respective PTO approved financial instruments.

Below the contact information are the instructions for what is acceptable and the deadlines for meeting the requirements for the Commercial Readiness Deposit, the Merchant Deposit, the Study Deposit and the IR Application Fee. It is vitally important for interconnection customers to follow the instructions precisely. Items that do not meet these requirements will result in the interconnection request not being eligible to be studied in cluster 15.

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Minimum Requirements for Cluster 15 Commercial Readiness Deposit and Merchant Deposits to the PTOs

Below are the **minimum** requirements for all Cluster 15 Interconnection Request’s initial Commercial Readiness Deposit (CRD) as well as for those Interconnection Requests that require a Merchant Deposit. The financial instruments for both deposits will be processed under the same requirements and deadline.

**December 2, 2024 DEADLINE**

* Upload a draft of the actual commercial readiness deposit financial instrument. The draft document must be reviewed and approved by the PTO and be uploaded to the GRIP platform no later than December 2, 2024. The ISO will verify with the PTO that the interconnection customer is working with the PTO in good faith and that a pending agreement in progress. There will be no cure period beyond the December 2, 2024 date.
* **Emails of intent will not be accepted.**
* If a Merchant deposit is required, follow the same procedures and upload a draft of the PTO approved financial instrument by the same December 2, 2024 deadline.

**May 1, 2025 DEADLINE**

* Post an executed Commercial Readiness Deposit with the PTO. All interconnection requests must have an EXECUTED Commercial Readiness Deposit by May 1, 2025 in order to be eligible to move forward in the study process. There will be no cure period beyond the May 1 date.
* Post the Merchant Deposit with the PTO if applicable. When a Merchant Deposit is required, the financial instrument must be EXECUTED by May 1, 2025 in order for that project to be eligible to move forward. There will be no cure period beyond the May 1 date.

Requirements for Cluster 15 Study Deposit and application fee to the CAISO

Below are the requirements for wiring the study deposit and application fee.

The $5,000.00 Application Fee and any Study Deposit True-up (where applicable) are still required before an IR package can be reviewed for completeness by the CAISO.  Projects whose IR package has not been deemed complete by the close of the resubmittal window on 12/2/24 will not be eligible to move forward in the Cluster 15 study process.

**Cluster 15 True up examples**

* Projects less than 80 MW: Refund in the amount of initial $150k study deposit less the adjusted study deposit amount - calculations above (3.5.1.1 (a))
* Projects 80 MW to less than 200 MW: No refund or true up needed.
* Projects 200 MW and above: True up in amount of $100k

**Due by 12/2/24:**

1. $5k Application Fee – To CAISO
2. Study Deposit True-up – To CAISO

**All payments must be separate wire transactions, by project and deposit type. Customers submitting one wire transactions for multiple projects will be rejected.**

* One wire for the Application Fee for each project.
* One wire for the Study Deposit for each project.

**Each wire must:**

* Contain: (1) the project name (column C), **and** (2) the project number (column B) listed in the [Cluster 15 Interconnection Requests](https://www.caiso.com/documents/cluster-15-interconnection-requests.xlsx) list on the ISO website.
* Specify: whether it is for the Application Fee, Study Deposit, or Site Control Deposit (must qualify for the regulatory limitation).